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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants recognize that, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the reasons as to why the claims are patentable. In the above-referenced application, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicants do not concede that all of the identified limitations — *i.e.*, that in respect of claim 32 "the cited prior art neither teach [*sic*] nor fairly suggest a microfluidic device comprising a microfluidic network comprising several sample processing modules operatively connected by one or more channels and associated valve and actuator systems as claimed, wherein ... further processing." — are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims 33 – 84 are individually allowable on their own merits, and may also be allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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No fee is believed owing with the instant submission. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to apply any additional charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 (ref. no. 19662-030001).

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